Gold stocks in the country

2958. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the benefits derived by the implementation of Gold Control Act;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the increasing tendency of the people in making gold ornaments;

(c) whether Government have assessed the gold stocks including gold ornaments with the gold ornament dealers whose licences are for over 1000 tolas of gold and;

(d) whether there is any proposal to seal all the lockers in the country and assess the quantity of gold in these lockers, particularly in the lockers of nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. There is no restriction on the individuals acquring gold ornaments under the Gold (Control) Act.

(c) Yes. Sir. The Gold (Control) Act requires every licensed dealer to file a quarterly return as to the quantity, description and other particulars of gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by him.

(d) There is no such proposal with the Government at present.

Seizure of unaccounted assets

2959. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of Government out of the *prima facie* unaccounted assets seized by the Income Tax Department during 1st April to 30th June, 1984 and 1st April to 30th June, 1985; and

(b) if the cases have not yet been decided by when the aforesaid cases are likely to be finally settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The value of *prima facie* unexplained assets seized by the Income-tax Department in the course of searches during the periods 1st April to 30th June, 1984 and 1st April to 30th June, 1985 is Rs. 3.28 crores and Rs. 6.54 crores respectively. However, the Government's share out of the seized assets shall be known only when assessments in all statutory time limit is two years from the end of the relevant assessment year.

Lakkarpur and Ghodhokhol quarries on Delhi-Haryana Border

2960. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lakkarpur and Ghodhokhol quarries on Delhi-Haryana border have since been surveyed in order to study the plight of women labourers also to inquire into the incidence of tuberculosis amongst the workers; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to improve the working conditions in these quarries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

Seizure of narcotics from borders of Punjab and Rajasthan

2961. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of narcotics seized during 1984-85 from borders of Punjab and Rajasthan; and

(b) what steps are being taken to stop smuggling of narcotics from neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The quantum of narcotics seized during 1984 and 1985 from borders of Punjab and Rajasthan is as under:—

Sector	Name of drug seized	Quantity seized	
		1984	1985* (upto 30-11-1985)
		Kg.	Kg.
Punjab	Heroin	101	27
	Opium	3,117	794
	Charas	442	570
	Ganja	2	5
Rajasthan	Heroin	..	371
	Opium	..	2

Note: *Figures provisional.

2. Figures shown above have been rounded off to the nearest Kilogram.

(b) The field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of narcotics. Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in consultation with the State Governmen. authorities.

The matter regarding checking of smuggling of narcotics across the Indo-Pak border was also discussed at the second meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Commission held from the 2nd to 4th July, 1985 at New Delhi.

Close co-operation with the international agencies concerned is also maintained to curb smuggling of drugs.

A new Act, namely, "The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985" has been brought into force with effect from 14th November, 1985 which *inter alia* provides for stringent penalties for drug trafficking offences.

Foreign exchange issued under the Foreign Travel Scheme

2962. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of foreign exchange sanctioned under the Foreign Travel Scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what precautions are being taken while issuing foreign exchange under the said Scheme; and

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange sanctioned under the said Scheme in respect of each country during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The information is given below:—

Year	Foreign exchange released under FTS
1982-83	Rs. 61·37 Crores
1983-84	Rs. 91·92 Crores
1984-85	Not available at present.